

SPEYSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 26 April 2023

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

Neil Slessor, Donald McLean, Brenda Davies, Marion Ross, Alison Bagnall, Greg Sarab

In Attendance:

I.B (IDCA), M.G (EHC), S.W(EHC), D.F(Member of the Public), S.M (Member of the Public), J.R (Member of the Public), Debra Duke (Community Council Liaison Officer), Cllr Ross, Cllr Harris, Cllr Gordon

Apologies:

FD (SCC)

Welcome:

Following introductions, MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

Previous Minutes:

Proposer – Neil Slessor

Seconder – Brenda Davies

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- Community Engagement Options: As previously agreed, SCC will sponsor the September edition of The Rothesian. Contact will be made nearer the time to arrange payment of £200.
- Rothes Council is asking for sponsors for the hanging baskets/ flower tubs. It was agreed to sponsor a hanging basket for £20.

- MR will contact other organisations, within SCC area, to offer sponsorship of hanging baskets/tubs.
- SCC submitted its response to the Scottish Government's Draft Energy and Just Transition Plan.

Correspondence:

- The Cabrach Trust – those who signed a letter of support for reviewing landscape studies for windfarms etc are invited to a meeting with Moray Council Planners on 27 April 2023.
- Speyside Children's Art Festival – To be held at Aberlour House on 1st July 2023. Initially, this will be for pupils from Aberlour schools but, if successful, will be extended to others in the future. The event is free but places will have to be booked. There will be more information on-line in May.
- Visit Moray Speyside Tourism – MR receives the minutes of this group. There was no expression of interest from those present to attend meetings of VMST.
- Rothes Way Association – Minutes are available.
- Spey River Clean, 28th to 30th April – this is an annual event.
- Aberlour Glebe Project – SCC has 'lent' its name for a planning application for a weatherproof polytunnel.
- Peter Ford, Premium Bakery, Rothes Planning Refusal – SCC advice is to proceed through the relevant planning process, if appropriate.

Reports:

- Treasurer: £2652.82
- Written update on the CAT for Alice Littler Park – Courtesy of Aberlour Community Association.
- The Pavilion at Rothes Castle – NS updated the meeting on Rothes Community Workforce's plans for the site. Unfortunately, this is a

listed building so renovations will not be quite so straight forward as we had hoped. There is a need to establish what the Pavilion originally looked like before proceeding with Historic Scotland and Scheduled monuments.

- The Bridge at Glenrothes Distillery – there has been no further information from ‘Structures’ at Moray Council. Cllr Gordon has agreed to take this forward.

Police Matters:

- CSP Report – previously sent. ECHC requested to be added to the mailing list.

Planning Matters:

- Weekly Wards list previously distributed. ECHC asked to be added to the distribution list.
- SSEN Transmission Rothes III to Blackhillock, Keith – consultation.
- Clashgour Windfarm – Although planning consent has been given, there remain issues over ‘air space’. The MOD and Civil Aviation Authority are still objecting to the mitigation measures being proposed by the developer. Consultation at Elgin Town Hall on 27 April 2023 from 2pm until 7pm.
- Greens of Rothes (Simpson’s Malts) – bore holes are being dug to ascertain whether there is enough water of sufficient quality and quantity for the Maltings to be built. The purchase of the land is dependent on the findings.
- Whisky Maturation Warehousing, Ardcanny Farm, Rothes – no further update.
- Celtic Renewables Biorefinery, Rothes – no information since December 2022.

Forestry Updates: Glen of Rothes)

D.McL gave an update on the EIA

process.

Lyne of Carron)

No updates for Orton Estate or Bardon Hill.

Licensing: Keystore in Rothes

Business:

- Speyside High School – MR has made contact with the ‘Loft’ in Keith but has yet to arrange a meeting. The Dufftown Youth Project will also be contacted. The CSU at Moray Council is keen to be involved.
- JCC Road Safety Sub-Group – MR has received no response from the Police regarding Community Speedwatch. However, the Road Safety Sub-Group has. It was decided that AB would respond. Lennox Community Council is also interested in this. MR to contact other Community Councils to gauge interest in a concerted effort.
- Community Resilience Planning Meeting – Thursday, 2nd March. 6.30 to 9 pm, Speyside Sports and Community Centre. Organised by Moray Council Emergency Planning Officer, Community Support Unit and the JCC.
Community Resilience Plans, House Resilience Plans and Priority Risk Registers were discussed. Copies of all the templates referred to at the meeting are available on request.
Moray Council has received £200,000 - from SSEN Distribution. It is hoped to create 3 community and support centres across the region all of which will be powered by a new generator.
- m.connect Bus Revolution/Moray Transport Forum – m.connect will be launched on 2 May but the official launch will not be until June. Speyside will be in the first tranche of the roll out. There will be some timetabled services and some journeys that can be booked via an app or by phone.
Moray Transport Forum – this group was recently re-established. Its role is to provide a collective voice for those who access or wish to access public transport in all its forms, across Moray and the wider area.

It is a community led approach. Attendees were asked to undertake a round-robin activity.

AOCB:

- Rothes Community Workforce – it was agreed to establish a Sub-Committee with the appropriate Terms of Reference. CLO to assist in this matter.

Future Programme:

**Trading Standards
Scottish Forestry**

Consultations:

Moray Council – none

Scottish Government – none

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 31 May 2023

Meeting Closed at: 9 pm